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BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
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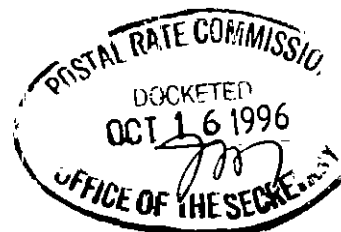
Docket No. MC96-3

DOUGLAS F. CARLSON  
REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS  
FROM THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

October 8, 1996

Pursuant to section 27 of the Rules of Practice, I, Douglas F. Carlson, hereby request that the Postal Service make the following admissions. If the Postal Service denies any of these admissions, the Postal Service should explain its disagreement and state the language that the Postal Service believes is required to make the statement true.

1. The per-unit manufacturing cost of printing a postal card using only one ink color, in a design that is no more complex than the designs of the 20-cent postal cards that the Postal Service currently offers for sale, would be less than 1.175 cents (see USPS-T-7 at 106 and OCA/USPS-T8-35(h)). [If the Postal Service does not admit this statement, the Postal Service should reconcile its response with Witness Lyons' testimony at 2/185.]



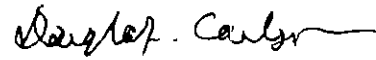
2. The Postal Service stopped printing postal cards in a single-color design after a former postmaster general complained during the 1980's that the single-color postal cards were, in his opinion, unattractive, and he suggested or directed that the Postal Service develop and produce postal cards that were more attractive than the single-color postal cards.

3. Pursuant to a written or unwritten agreement, understanding, or procedure, the Postal Service delivers to at least one private company, individual, or government agency other than the Postal Service letters, flats, or parcels with Form 3811, Domestic Return Receipt, still attached and allows the recipient, at a later time and not under the visual supervision of a postal employee, to sign the Forms 3811, indicate the date of receipt on the Forms 3811, and then deposit the Forms 3811 in the mail.

4. Pursuant to a written or unwritten agreement, understanding, or procedure, the Postal Service delivers to at least one private company, individual, or government agency other than the Postal Service letters, flats, or parcels with Form 3811, Domestic Return Receipt, still attached and allows the recipient, at a later time and not under the visual supervision of a postal employee, to sign the Forms 3811, indicate the date of receipt on the Forms

employee for that employee to review to verify that the  
Forms 3811 were filled out accurately and completely.

Dated: October 8, 1996



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DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon the required participants of record in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice and sections 3(B)(3) and 3(C) of the Special Rules of Practice.



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DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

October 8, 1996  
Emeryville, California